

LEADERS AND RULERS.

How Some Common Names and Titles Came to Be Applied.

There are heaps of history in titles. For instance, take that of the "prince of Wales." This title is always given to the eldest son of the ruler reigning over England, and it came in this way:

Wales is now part of the kingdom of Great Britain, as Ireland and Scotland are. But once for a long time Wales was a separate kingdom. At last the English conquered it, and then after that there were always plots and rebellions among the Welsh people. By and by an English king went with his queen into Wales to see if the Welsh were ill treated, and if they were to try to make things easier and pleasanter for them. The Welsh nobles and leaders all came together to meet their English king and to complain to him.

But the king gave them no chance to speak. He rose and told them he had heard they wanted a prince of their own, and that he meant to give them one—a born Welshman and speaking no other language.

Then, as the Welsh joyfully cheered as loud as they could, he fetched out his baby son, born the night before in the Welsh castle, and of course the baby could "speak no other language," as he was not able to speak at all. Ever since the eldest son of the English royal family has been called the "prince of Wales." That ruler deserved his own title "king," for "king" is a word that comes from "koenig," which means a "wise" or "knowing man." I suppose the first rulers—the heads or kings of small tribes—came to be so by "knowing more," by being "wiser," than the other men of the tribe.

"Czar" and "kaiser" both came from the Latin word "caesar," the title of the great conquering Roman rulers, whose only law was their own will.

The czar of Russia and the young Kaiser William of Germany have much more power over their subjects than the queen of England has over the people of England. "Sultan" is another such title, and it comes from an Arabic word, which means "absolute lord."

Grover Cleveland's title, "president," means one appointed to sit before or over others. It comes from the two Latin words "pres," which means "before," and "sideo," which means "to sit." The title shows that the president's business is to sit before or above the lawmakers and carry out and execute the laws they frame. This is why the president is sometimes called the "chief executive."

"Captain" means "head man." It comes from the word "caput," which means "the head." "Colonel" comes from the same Latin root word as "column," and the title no doubt rose from the regimental practice of marching or attacking in column, with their commander at the head.

As to the two titles "democrat" and "republican," when a small boy hears them he generally thinks of one or the other of those political parties as the people who are not of his father's way of thinking. It will do him no harm to know exactly what each of these party titles really means.

"Democrat" comes from the Greek word "demos," which means "the people," and from "kratos," which means "power." So a "democrat" is one who believes in the power or sovereignty of the people, each acting as nearly as may be for himself.

"Republican" comes from the Latin words "res publica," which mean "for the common good."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Self Medication as a Science.

Imagination has too much to do with a man's practice on himself. One who reads the little textbook on physiology in the schools will immediately discern in every rumble of his intestines the kind of action the gastric juices are taking on the food that has gone into the stomach, and he soon becomes, if he pushes his investigation further, a monomaniac on hygiene. It is true that a man or woman who has arrived at the age of 40 years ought to be able to decide at a glance the kind of food suited best to their digestive organs, and experience ought to teach them never to touch any food that disagrees with them. This is true also of drinking. When a man is 40 years of age, he ought to understand himself sufficiently to guard against all imprudences in either eating or drinking or working, but that is about all he ought to know about it. He expects to be employed as an expert on others in his own line of study, and he ought to be willing to reciprocate by employing a physician when he is sick. —Austin Statesman.

A Large Cross in an English Church.

The largest cross in any church in this country is the "Great Road," which the Duke of Newcastle presented to the Church of St. Albans, Holborn. It is an enormous crucifix, the cross of which is over 25 feet in height, and hangs suspended from the chancel arch. The cross itself is colored dead olive green, and the arms have terminals of flower-de-luce and Tudor roses. The sacred figure is painted and gilt, while on either side stand presentations of St. John the Divine and the Virgin as "the Mater Dolorosa." The idea of the work has been chiefly borrowed from the road crosses to be seen still at St. Peter's, Louvain, and at Oplinter in Brabant.—London Tit-Bits.

In Kentucky Jurors Must Be Able to Read.

Circuit Judge Green in a murder trial at Williamstown decided that not being able to read disqualified a person from sitting on a jury. It is the first time the question has been raised we believe. Section 225 of the criminal code provides: "The court shall, on motion of either party, and before argument to the jury, instruct the jury on the law applicable to the case, which shall always be given in writing." Congressman Dickerson made the point that each juror should be able to read the instructions himself, and if he could not do this he was disqualified. The judge sustained the objection. —Greenup (Ky.) Gazette.

War News From Brazil.

New York merchants received a hint that something ominous was happening in Brazil and Nicaragua fully 24 hours before the newspapers published their dispatches announcing those countries, to be in a state of revolution. When they presented messages at the cable offices to be transmitted to their correspondents in the respective countries, they were informed in the case of Brazil that cipher or secret messages were prohibited, and in the case of Nicaragua that telegraphic communication with certain provinces was stopped by the authorities.

These two countries operate land telegraphs as an adjunct to their postal systems, and where connection is made with a foreign telegraph company an agent is maintained to collect the government tax. This agent in emergencies becomes censor, and messages not vised by him are suppressed. Sometimes notice is given to the sender that his message has been suppressed. More often, however, no notice at all is given.

The notices these agents promulgate are official, contain bare facts relating to telegraph traffic alone and are not embellished by a single word of explanation. For instance, the Brazilian notice referred to simply said, "The employment of cipher or secret language telegrams is temporarily suspended."

It is the duty of the connecting company receiving such a notice to forward it forthwith to Bern, Switzerland, the headquarters of all international telegraph companies, where the notice of interruption, suspension of privileges or whatever happens is instantly sent to every telegraph station the world over. —New York Sun.

Why Newport Lacks Single Men.

One reason why there are no more young men in Newport is because those bachelors who in times gone by were fortunate enough to be the guests of the young married women rather exceeded the bounds of good behavior by accepting invitations to dine at other houses without consulting their hostesses. A young Englishman, who has been made much of in Newport, was asked to spend Sunday at Newport and immediately on arrival informed the lady of the house that she needn't feel at all bothered by getting up things to amuse him, as he had accepted invitations for every meal during his stay in the place. This was simply one of the many cases, and finally the young women have agreed that they do not care to merely keep lodging houses. Of course it is very well to say that women of the present day have made so much of the men that they are a trifle spoiled, but the ordinary rules of politeness should hold good, no matter where or when. —Cor. Vogue.

Why a City Flat Is Closed.

There is one flat up town which has been closed a month earlier than originally intended owing to the janitor and the hallboy. When the family moved in last May, everything ran smoothly for awhile. That was because the head of the family "tipped" the janitor liberally and frequently employed his wife. But when a servant was engaged the janitor began to sour. Then a hallboy was hired, and he refused to open the door unless he got a fee regularly. Between the two life was made unbearable for the family, and in a moment of despair the flat was closed for the summer. The head of the house is worrying his head off now trying to think of some course to pursue when he gets his family back to town that he may live in peace without spending all his pocket coin in tips and without being forced to move. —New York Herald.

Members of Congress.

The congress summoned by President Cleveland contains 444 members, not counting the four territorial delegates. Of the 88 senators 45 are pretty sure to vote solidly Democratic, 38 Republican, 3 People's, and 2 doubtful. The youngest of them is Edward O. Wolcott of Denver. He was born in 1848 in Massachusetts and is a lawyer by profession. The oldest is Justin S. Morrill of Stratford, Vt., who was born in 1810 and now is a merchant. Moreover, he is the Nestor of congress, having served 39 years. The rest of the senate is made up of 61 lawyers, 4 capitalists, 3 journalists, 3 lumbermen, 2 manufacturers, 1 merchant, 1 railroad official, 1 miner, 1 stock raiser, 1 car builder, 1 doctor, 2 bankers, 1 planter, and 6 quarrymen. The rest put themselves down as "retired." —Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

Chicago's Busy Coroner.

The last annual report of the coroner of Cook county shows the number of violent deaths in this county in June of last year to have been 166. In July following the deputies held 177 inquests, in August 165, in October 162 and in September 160. The smallest number of cases was in February, when there were but 103. The total number of cases investigated during 1892 was 2,301, and of this number 1,454 were males. Those who had been married numbered 694. More than one person a day for every day in the year is the awful record charged up against the railroads. —Chicago Mail.

A Coincidence.

Running diagonally over the East St. Louis race track is a bridge. From it a road runs to a small settlement near the race course. As the horses were going to the post in a 2-year-old race one day recently a funeral procession started over the bridge. Some of the more superstitious of the spectators hurried at once to the betting ring and plunged on a horse named Coroner that was in the race. The contest was run, and the winner was Coroner.

New Laws Needed.

What is wanted now is a city ordinance compelling young men to put pneumatic tires on their buzzsaw straw hats, so people could get by on the sidewalk without getting scratched. —Springfield Graphic.

His Old Pipe.

"Isn't that a rich color?" said a well known lawyer the other day as he held up a brier wood pipe of an almost ebony hue. Then he stroked it fondly with his hand and finally took to rubbing it with his coat sleeve. "It has taken me over a year to color that pipe, and I don't think you could buy it now at any price. I used to smoke cigars—I do now to some extent—but I prefer a pipe when reading or working over my papers. You see a cigar is always dropping ashes and musing things up. Then the smoke gets in your eyes when leaning over. But a pipe—oh, there is nothing like it for real solid comfort. My wife says this old fellow is getting dreadfully strong, but she hasn't the heart to ask me to discard it for a new one. See the way that rich chocolate tint merges in the black—that velvety looking black—and then the gloss that seems to have grown up from beneath the surface.

"Strange how a man should become attached to such a thing. But, on the other hand, think of the nights this old pipe has stood by me when I worried my brain over legal tangles; when I grew cross and irritable, how its sweet perfume has quieted and soothed me. Friends might forsake me and fat fees vanish into thin air, but my old pipe was ever at hand with its comfort. What a sense of calm contentment settles over me when the work of the day is done and I sit down in the library at home, with my wife and little ones about and this old fellow filled to the brim and going! I know, the cares and worries of the day slip off and away with the curling smoke. Just look at that exquisite color!" —Brooklyn Eagle.

Rich Sap From Maple Trees.

The more uneven, rocky and ledgy the land and the drier the soil, except where cold springs abound, the better are the products of the maple. Trees standing in or near cold springs will discharge the most and the sweetest sap. I am acquainted with one tree standing by a spring, seven quarts of whose sap will make a pound of nice white sugar. The richness of this sap will be realized when it is remembered that it takes 16 quarts of average sap to make a pound. The black maple is the richest for sap of any variety. Our poorest sugar orchards give us about two pounds of sugar to the tree, while our best ones yield five and six pounds a tree. I have heard of a few extra orchards yielding 7, 8 and 10 pounds to the tree, and one extraordinary one that has yielded 16 pounds to a tree. The quantity of sugar that can be made from single trees in one season of six weeks at most will depend on many circumstances.

The more spouts put into a tree the more sap is obtained and the more sugar is made. From the tree already referred to as standing near a cold spring there were made 304 pounds in one season with two spouts, which emptied into the same tub. They were set in holes bored 14 inches deep with a three-eighths bit. Another tree I have known of yielded 80 pounds, and a third 28. Still another tree was tapped with 10 spouts, and 50 pounds of sugar were made, but it killed the tree. —Timothy Wheeler in Garden and Forest.

Stranded in Artistic Surroundings.

It is really amusing and sometimes pitiful to see how men suffer from the artistic mania of their wives. I know of a case where a husband was not allowed to touch any of the furniture in the drawing room for fear he would disturb the effect of color and outline. He wisely stipulated, however, that he should have his own chair in the room, which he was to be at liberty to do with as he liked.

Being a man of infinite jest he managed to evolve the most delightful and comic situations when visitors were present, explaining that it was his want of artistic feeling which made it necessary for him to carry his chair about with him. He asked that when his friends contemplated their surroundings from an artistic point of view they should kindly consider him and his chair out of the picture. Needless to say it was not very long before all restrictions were withdrawn and he was allowed to work what havoc he pleased in the drawing room as well as everywhere else in the house. —Boston Globe.

The largest spider of the world is the migale of Central America, which, with legs extended, is sometimes 15 inches in diameter. It preys upon birds and lizards.

Cleopatra's needles were not erected by that queen; neither do they commemorate any event in her history. They were set up by Rameses the Great.

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